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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND THE STEEL STRIKE

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, after his vacation in the West, found himself almost forced to invoke the Taft-Hartley law to prevent a serious dislocation in the national economy and possibly a resulting recession.

The steel strike has idled 500,000 persons in the basic industry and another several hundred thousand indirectly — in other industries. The time-limit suggested by the President for management and labor to get together on a new contract, less he be forced to act, ran out with no apparent solution in sight.

Most editors have felt that the majority of Americans favor the use of the Taft-Hartley labor law in this case. That will send the workers to the mills for 80 days. If no agreement is reached by that time, Congress will be in session, and new legislation may be considered. It must be understood by all, that invocation of the Taft-Hartley law does not insure any settlement of the issues. At the end of the 80 days, the strike could be resumed. Many feel that this will happen.

Final comment on this situation cannot be made now. But, it is to be hoped that our free enterprise system will survive this emergency, and that collective bargaining will prevail, and that the national security will be protected. Both management and labor are challenged to work out a mutually satisfactory settlement, without endangering the national economy by inviting either inflation or recession.

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ELECTING A PRESIDENT

Our system of electing Presidents is somewhat unique, as we all know, but one of the features of that system since 1861-65, has been the flat unwritten rule that no Southerner could be elected President.

The reason why no candidate from the South, or from a small state, has much of a chance in these days in the electoral college system. That system provides, among other things, that the candidate with the largest number of votes in a state receives all of the electoral votes of that state.

Since it takes less thun 300 electoral votes to elect a President, one can readily see how the big electoral vote blocs are "musts" for Presidential candidates. Therefore, they go into these big, key states and promise the pressure groups and factions which control the actual balance of power concessions, in order to win the entire electoral vote of these big states. And it is surprising how many of these key states vote almost evenly in the popular balloting, year after year, so that the small pressure groups, factions controlling a small total of votes, are able to swing a tremendous number of electoral votes.

The remedy would be "proportionate" division of electoral votes. A candidate or party, under this change of the rules, would receive electoral votes in proportion percentage-wise, to the popular votes he won in any particular state. Such a system ,would allow the Republican party, for example, to take much greater interest in the South, for its votes there would be reflected in the Electroal College.

Under our present system, it is possible for a President to be elected who receives fewer votes than his opponent

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REMEMBER?

The days of each week and month have their historical significance. You can test your knowledge of history. We shall use the next-to-the-last week of October:

For what is the 19th remembered? (Answer: Cornwallis surrendered on this day in 1781. John Adams was born in Braintree, Massachusetts — later became the nation's second President. Also, the Maryland Tea Party occurred on this day, at Annapolis, 1774.)

The 20th for what is it remembered? (Spain ceded Florida to the United States in 1820, on this day.) The 21st? (It's Will Carlton Day in Michigan, and also the anniversary of the development of the first incandescent light—1879.)

The first radio message across the Atlantic, in 1915, fell on October 22nd. The 23rd is remembered as the day the first boat used the Erie Canal and as the birthday anniversary of Thomas Pinkney. Daniel Webster died on the 24th, in 1852, and it's Pennsylvania Day in that state on the 24th, in honor of the birth of William Penn, at Tower Hill, London, in 1644.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VICTORY

The Conservative victory in Great Britain is another indication that the tide is turning against the leftwingers. More and more writers and political science experts are coming to the conclusion that the trend is definitely away from extreme Socialism — at least outside the Communist sphere.

The defeat suffered by the Laborites in England shows that sentiment in favor of free enteprise and private enterprise, and opposed to unlimited Socialism, is gaining strength and popularity with the people.

The extent of the Conservative victory was such that the man in the street, or the little man, has definitely reflected this changing philosophy.

The Conservative victory in Great Britain will inevitably effect the conventions of the two major political parties in the United States next year. Many may conclude that it is not necessary to nominate a candidate with left-wing appeal to pressure groups to win a national contest.

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Why can't Hollywood directors film a picture without overdoing everything?

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Lots of people will believe anything you say — provided it is complimentary!

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Some people give so much time to attending to the business of others that they forget to attend to their own.

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Many people don't consider anything important unless it is said or written by a much-publicized name. They are the sheep.

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The span of life is too short for anyone to learn enough to brag about.

Washington Notes

No Lag in ICBM'S

The chief of military research has predicted that the United States would be consigned to second place in the space race for at least the next few years because it lacked rocket power.

Dr. Herbert F. York, director of Defense Department Research and Engineering, also said that despite the Soviet Union's lead in space research, the two nations were roughly equal in the development of intercontinental military missiles.

Dr. York made the statements at a news conference in the Pentagon.

Tax Returns Dip

Uncle Sam has lost 800,000 taxpayers.

The Internal Revenue Service recently estimated that the number of income-tax returns filed this year dropped about 800,000 from the 1958 record total of 60,800,000. Officials were inclined to blame the recession.

Little Rocket

A little Joe booster rocket has turned in a big performance for the space scientists.

The rocket recently hoisted a dummy space capsule with an inert escape-rocket system to an altitude of 40 miles above the Atlantic. They were intentionally destroyed, according to plan, about 2 1-2 minutes after launching.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration stamped the test successful.

World's Largest Radar

The United States plans to build a huge missile - detecting radar machine in Puerto Rico, to scan the area between the equator and Florida.

It will be the world's largest known radar, with aluminum mesh disk antenna 1,000 feet in diameter.

The Pentagon estimates that the radar will cost about $4,500,000 and will be operating within two years.

Science Aid Urged

The Republican party has called for more basic scientific research, and has urged tax benefits for private enterprise to "encourage individual effort" in the field.

The recommendations were contained in the first of four reports by the Republican Committee on Program and Progress.

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Station Wagon in Spain, by Frances Parkinson Keys.

This is a light-hearted mystery story with a Spanish setting.

TV By Telephone

Austin, Texas.- Jesse Gartman picked up his telephone and heard the TV show, "The Verdict is Yours."

So he hung up and tried again. This time he got "The Brighter Days." The third try brought in "Truth or Consequences."

Gartman reported the trouble to the telephone company. He said people there were skeptical at first, but decided to [illegible] themselves tuned in [illegible] Workmen finally [illegible] line to his home [illegible] blamed for the trouble.

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Obsolete union work rules, involving the railroad operating employees, are responsible for this gigantic burden. Right now, for instance, these rules require every diesel locomotive to carry a fireman — even though diesels have no fires to stoke, no boilers to tend.

The forthcoming negotiations between the railroads and the unions are urgently important to the whole nation.

In asking the unions to drop these featherbedding rules, all the railroads ask for is **a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.**

AMERICAN RAILROADS

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[illegible] Oct. 20.- The Ever-[illegible] Club had a dinner [illegible] Friday night at The [illegible]

[illegible] H. B. Crulle spent [illegible] with their son and [illegible] Mrs. H. B. Crulle, [illegible] Va.

[illegible] and Alice Mays were [illegible] and Mrs. Melvin Gar-[illegible] week-end.

[illegible] Revival is in progress here this week, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Price.

Quite a number attended the Fall Meeting of the W. M. U. of Appomattox Association here at the Baptist Church last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jennings, Mrs. J. K. Hamilton, Mrs. Z. V. Harvey, and Mrs. Ella Jennings attended the 25th celebration of Mr .and Mrs. O. G. Burnett of Brookneal last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, of Blacksburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover, over the week-end.

Rev. V. L .Hudson spent several days in Richmond last week.

Mr. Z. V. Harvey is on the sick list this week, Hope he will soon be better.

Quite a number from here motored to Richmond Tuesday night to hear the Rev. Billy Graham.

REPORTS ON GIRLS STATE AT AUXILIARY MEETING

Misses Joan Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Martin, and Pat Gilbert, daughter of Mr . and Mrs. Maynard Gilbert, presented reports "of one of the most wonderful weeks in our lives" at Girl State at Radford College during the past summer, at a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary here.

Their trips were made possible by the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 104, and The Woman's Club of Appomattox.

Girls State is one of the many outstanding programs of the American Legion Auxiliary — a program of practicti application of Americanism and good citizenship. The entire program is non-partisan, nonpolitical attempt to teach and inculcate in the youth of America a love of God and country.

The purpose is to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age, to afford them opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens; to inform them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, in order tiat they may understand and participate in the functioning of their government, and to help them grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities which they must assume when they become adults.

Candidates for admission to Girl State must be citizens of the United States, in the junior or third year of high school, and must not have participated in a previous session of Girls State as a citizen. A final selection of the girls is made on their qualifications of leadership, character, courage, honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness and physical fitness.

Qualified volunteers throughout the state give of their time for one week and set up a model government with the girls participating. Each girl is assigned to a model city and learns city government first hand, as two parties are formed, nominations made for all city offices and elections held. State senators and representatives are elected, courts set up and observed in actions, and state conventions are held, and state elections, at which time an attorney-general, lieutenant governor and governor are elected.

At the business meeting of the Auxiliary which followed this program, money was contributed to the Department of Virginia, for Child Welfare work, rehabilitation of veterans, for the entertainment of veterans, and to gift shops set up in each of the veterans hospitals in the state at Christmas.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently during the past week by Virginia farmers, as reported by county agricultural agents. Answers are supplied by staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station.)

Q. How late can I seed alfalfa?

A. It is past the recommended seeding date in all areas of Virginia.

Q. Can I seed my wheat now?

A. Yes, Piedmont farmers still have until November 1, and eastern Virginia farmers until November 15. Blue Ridge farmers should seed as soon as possible. However, don't seed until after the first killing frost because of danger from the Hessian fly.

Q. How can I control moles?

A. Either by trapping, or by treating the soil to eliminate their supply of food. If the soil is treated with arsenate of lead, dieldrin, or chlordane to control earthworms and grubs, the moles will soon be gone.

Q. What is killing my lawn grass?

A. Any one of several factors could be responsible. Poor growing conditions or poor management is the most frequent reason. If you suspect disease, send a specimen to the VPI Plant Disease Clinic, in Blacksburg, Va., for identification and control recommendations. However, there is no particular disease prevalent now.

Q. Is it too late to seed crimson clover?

A. Yes, it is too late for best results.

Q. How effective is Ky. 31 fescue in the control of nematodes in flue-cured tobacco?

A. Very effective. It is the best crop to use in the rotation.

Q. Will granular 2,4-D harm fish if it is applied in a farm pond during the spawning season?

A. No, it won't hurt them.

Q. Is it too late to seed lawns?

A. It is too late for best results with the regular lawn mixtures. However, if you want to protect a bank, or if you have bare spots which wil stay muddy this winter unless seeded, you might seed rye grass. The lawn will have to be reseeded, but the rye grass will protect it through the winter.

Q. Is it time to treat tobacco plant beds for weed control?

A. Yes, anytime now up until about mid-November.

Q. How does crabgrass compare with orchard grass for hay, and when should it be cut.

A. Crabgrass does not supply as many total digestible nutrients (TDN) as orchard grass, but it will make fairly good hay. The best time to cut it is right after it has headed out.

Estate Discovered

St. Louis.- Miss Katheryn McHugh lived a life of poverty. The cause of her recent death was malnutrition.

An inventory of her estate showed the 86-year-old seamstress was worth $138,106.

V. P. I. won handily over U. of Va., 40 to 12, in Tobacco Festival football game Saturday in Richmond.

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